



Attorney Docket No. 71745/55913

#9  
PQ  
3-26-03

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Butt *et al.*

Art Unit: 1636

U.S.S.N: 09/856,336

Examiner: Sandals, W.

FILED: August 20, 2001

FOR: NUCLEIC ACID ISOLATION

**RECEIVED**

MAR 24 2003

BOX AF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

\*\*\*\*\*

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify this correspondence and the documents referred to as attached herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail addressed to BOX AF, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 14, 2003.

By:

*Nicole M. McKinnon*

Nicole M. McKinnon

\*\*\*\*\*

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME; 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Sir:

This is a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) month from February 19, 2003 to March 19, 2003 to file an Amendment in the Office Action dated November 19, 2002.

Enclosed herewith is a check for the required fee of **\$110.00**.

Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required.

03/21/2003 AWONDAF1 00000155 09856336

02 FC:1251

110.00 OP

U.S.S.N.: 09/856,336

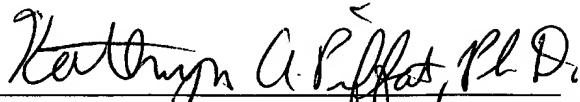
Butt *et al.*

Page 2 of 2

If for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 14, 2003



Kathryn A. Piffat, Ph.D. (Reg. No.: 34,901)

Dike, Bronstein, Roberts & Cushman

Intellectual Property Practice Group of

EDWARDS & ANGELL, LLP

P.O. Box 9169

Boston, Massachusetts 02209

Phone: (617) 439-4444

Fax: (617) 439-4170